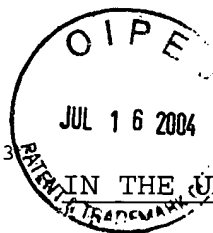


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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This letter is to place on record with the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office the information that two competing utility
applications have been filed with claims covering all of the
subject matter of, and claiming priority from, the same
provisional application, U.S. Application No. 60/448,153. This
application was filed February 19, 2003, the inventors were
designated to be Paul David Manos and Gregory James Caton.

One of these applications is the above-identified application, which designates solely Gregory James Caton as the inventor (the "instant application"). Applicant submits, on information and belief, that the other application, which was filed June 27, 2003, under Attorney Customer No. 826 and is believed to have been assigned U.S. Application No. 10,606,946, designates solely Paul David Manos as the inventor (the "other application").

Applicant of the instant application, Gregory James Caton, submits that he was unlawfully not designated as an inventor on the other application. Therefore, to protect the rights of Applicant, the instant application was filed on February 19, 2004.

Applicant further submits that he is lawfully the sole inventor of the invention claimed in the instant application and that any contribution allegedly made by Paul David Manos to the invention claimed therein was disclosed in PCT International Application No. PCT/US01/45615, entitled 2, 4-HEXADIENOIC ACID AND DERIVATIVES AS CORROSION INHIBITORS, published May 30, 2002, as WO 02/042523. Therefore, any contribution that allegedly could have been made to the instant application or to Provisional Application No. 60/448,153 by Paul David Manos was in the prior art when provisional application was filed on February 19, 2003.

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The Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions pertaining to this paper or to the instant application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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